

NOTICE OF 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD Burke Motor Company Site

1515 ½ Savannah Highway, Charleston, South Carolina

DHEC (the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control) is accepting public comments on a proposed Voluntary Cleanup Contract through March 24, 2013.

The Voluntary Cleanup Contract, 13-6150-NRP, will affect approximately 0.59 acres identified by tax map number 349-01-00-017. A company known as VCKH's Magnolia, LLC (VCKH) wants to buy the property from its current owners. This Voluntary Cleanup Contract will be between DHEC and VCKH.

The property was used as a gas station and automotive repair facility. General location uses around the property include U.S. Highway 17 to the north with a car dealership beyond, a car dealership to the east, and commercial property to the south and west.

VCKH intends to use the Property as extra lot space for the adjacent eastern car dealership. If this Voluntary Cleanup Contract is implemented, DHEC will allow VCKH to acquire the property as a "Brownfields Site" because of the potential for environmental pollution. VCKH did not create the pollution, but will take steps to control it to keep the property safe for re-use.

DHEC will not hold VCKH responsible for the pre-existing pollution in exchange for doing work under the Voluntary Cleanup Contract. Under State law, VCKH will not be responsible if anyone is affected by the contamination. Entering into this contract does not reduce the responsibility of any former owners or operators of the site.

Under the proposed contract, VCKH will test soil and groundwater from the property. If significant contamination is found, VCKH will be required to take additional steps to protect human health and the environment.

DHEC uses Voluntary Cleanup Contracts to keep Brownfield sites in productive reuse. The proposed contract is available at http://www.scdhec.gov/environment/lwm/publicnotice.htm . Printed copies may be obtained from the DHEC Freedom of Information Office at (803) 898-3882.

Citizens may provide written, email, or telephone comments on the proposed contract through March 24, 2013. Questions or comments may be directed Alex Fulmer, email FulmerWA@dhec.sc.gov, (803) 896-4057, or TOLL-FREE telephone (866) 576-3432. Written comments should be directed to either individual at SCDHEC, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201.